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SUBJECT: SWAZI DPM URGES BLACK MOZAMBIQUE POLITICAL
PARTIES UNITE

REFS: A. MBABANE 1173; B. MBABANE 0983 AND PREVIOUS
C. NAIROBI 5629

SUMMARY. GOS URGEES BLACK POLITICAL PARTIES IN MOZAMBIQUE
TO UNITE, LAY DOWN ARMS AND NEGOTIATE WITH PORTUGUESE,
NOT EXCLUDING REFERENDUM POSSIBILITY. GOS ADVISED
FREIMO REFUGEES THAT SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT RPT NOT
ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY THEY FREE TO REMAIN IN
SWAZILAND, BUT ADDED IT CLEAR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION NOW
TOLERATED BY SPINOLA REGIME IN OVERSEAS TERRITORIES.
END SUMMARY.

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1. SWAZILAND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ZONKE KHUMALO, IN

ADDRESS TO FRELIMO REFUGEES (NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 20) IN SWAZILAND JULY 3, URGED BLACK POLITICAL PARTIES IN MOZAMBIQUE TO UNITE. DPM SAID SWAZI GOVERNMENT AND FRELIMO HAD "BROKEN DOWN". DPM WARNED THAT IF "OUR BROTHERS" DO NOT FORM UNITED FRONT, PORTUGUESE GOVT. MIGHT CHANGE ITS MIND ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. DPM SAID MOZAMBIQUE NOW IN "PRECARIOUS POSITION". HE DESCRIBED AS "CHEAP POLITICS" THE REFUSAL BY AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF OFFER FOR NEGOTIATIONS BY PORTUGUESE. HE URGED REFUGEES IN SWAZILAND TO TRY TO CONVINCE THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND POLITICAL PARTIES REFUSING TO COME TO ROUND TABLE WITH SPINOLA REGIME THAT IT WISE TO TALK PEACE.

2. ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING WERE MINSTATE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TRAINING H.K. DLAMINI AND PERMSEC H.S. MAMBA WHO SECONDED DPM'S REMARKS AND UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF LAYING DOWN ARMS AND REVIVING DIALOGUE WITH PORTUGAL "WHICH MIGHT EVENTUATE IN NATIONAL REFERENDUM WHEREBY PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE WOULD CHOOSE THEIR OWN GOVT."

3. DPM TOLD REFUGEES THEY COULD REMAIN IN SWAZILAND AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT RPT NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICS. AT SAME TIME, DPM REMARKED THAT IT "QUITE CLEAR" THAT NEW SPINOLA REGIME HAD GRANTED FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN PROTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

4. COMMENT: AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, SWAZIS VERY CONCERNED THAT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE COULD, IN ABSENCE NEGOTIATIONS AND APPARENT PROGRESS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE, DETERIORATE INFO FACTIONALISM AND STRIFE WHICH COULD EASILY SPILL OVER INTO SWAZILAND. WHILE NO REFERENCE MADE TO FRECOMO OR DR. JOANA SIMIAO WHO HAS VISITED SWAZILAND SEVERAL TIMES, DPM'S REMARKS CLEARLY IN LINE WITH CALL FOR UNITY RECENTLY MADE BY SIMIAO ON LAST VISIT HERE. IN ANY EVENT, GOS URGING OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND POLITICAL PARTIES TO LAY DOWN ARMS AND CONSIDER REFERENDUM POSSIBILITY NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO ENDEAR SWAZILAND TO FRELIMO.
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